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Dear Dr. Lampert:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to reply to your letter about the work of Dr. C. G. Abbot. The United States Government is concerned with the problem of long-range weather prediction and is reviewing the feasibility and validity of Dr. Abbot's methods.

We appreciate your interest in directing our attention to their potential usefulness.


Harold Scoville, Jr.
Assistant Director

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Mr. Allen Dulles
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Dr. C. G. Abbot, Research Associate, The Smithsonian Institution, has just published "A Long-Range Forecast of United States Precipitation", Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, volume 139, number 9, March 23, 1960. It appears to predict precipitation for a decade with a correlation coefficient of more than 50% for a 3-month running average. Temperature is predicted, so I am told, with lesser precision, perhaps 25%.

In answer to a letter from me, Dr. Abbot tells me that predictions for other countries are similarly possible where continuous data over long periods are available. I thought I should call this advance to the attention of your Agency, since these methods may have real importance in predicting the weather and so the state of agriculture, etc. in the countries of potential enemies, their possible victims, as well as those of our allies. Dr. Abbot believes no meteorologist has paid attention to his contribution. I am not myself in a position to judge it critically.

Yours truly,

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